

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for affording Applicant a telephone interview on May 5, 2005.

A. THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 remain in this application. Claims 11-27 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite limitations that are fully supported by the specification.

B. DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-9 were provisionally rejected under the judicial doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in light of Co-pending Application No. 10/294,273, now U.S. Patent 6,861,640. The present application and the Co-Pending Application are commonly owned. Applicant has filed with this response a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321(c).

C. CONCLUSION

Applicant requests reconsideration of the current rejections. In view of the responses and remarks made above, Applicant further requests that that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should any further questions arise concerning this application or in the event the above amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the examiner prior to any new office action relating to the present Application. Please contact Jon L. Roberts at the number listed below.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, and conversely credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1579.

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